



**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Islam 1

G578

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

None

**Thursday 15 January 2009
Afternoon**

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the Answer Booklet.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **70**.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of your written communication in both answers.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain why Muhammad ﷺ is called the final messenger of Allah. [25]
(b) 'Muhammad's ﷺ character was central to the early growth of Islam.' Discuss. [10]
- 2 (a) Explain the religious background of pre-Islamic Arabia. [25]
(b) How far was Islam a rejection of the beliefs and practices of pre-Islamic Arabia? [10]
- 3 (a) 'Show us the straight way ...' (Surah 1:6). Explain what Muslims mean by the 'straight way'. [25]
(b) 'Following the "straight way" is not a realistic goal for a Muslim.' Discuss. [10]
- 4 (a) Explain how the practice of salah and zakah might purify Muslims. [25]
(b) 'Religious practices benefit the Muslim who observes them more than they benefit the Islamic community.' Discuss. [10]